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SUBJ: DAKAR PORT SITUATION

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1. STATUS OF GRAIN STILL IN DAKAR PORT AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE II SORGHUM: 11,135 MT (FOR MALI) PLUS 5,000 MT
(MAURITANIA) EQUALS 16,135 MT.

2. OTHER DONOR COMMODITIES AND COMMERCIAL PURCHASES
CAN BE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

USSR: RICE/WHEAT: 11,060 MT

CANADA: FLOUR: 548 MT

FED: CORN: 12,200 MT

FAC: CORN: 4,115 MT

COMMERCIAL PURCHASE

OF CORN: 32,390 MT

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3. TOTAL OTHER-DONOR/COMMERCIALY PURCHASED COMMODITIES
AWAITING DISPATCH KAYES/BAMAKO: 60,313 MT

4. THERE WAS ALSO A CONSIGNMENT OF 5,000 MT OF FED
CORN WHICH ARRIVED FOR SENEGAL DURING THIS PERIOD.

5. TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMMODITIES IN STORAGE MALI FREE
ZONE/SOCOPAO STORAGE/OR IN PROCESS OF BEING BAGGED:
71,448 MT (FOR MALI).

6. TOTAL COMMODITIES IN PORT FOR SENEGAL/MAURITANIA:
10,000 MT. THE FED CONSIGNMENT FOR SENEGAL, REPRESENTING
ABOUT HALF OF THIS, WAS BEING SPEEDILY EVACUATED FROM THE
PIER WHEN PORT VISITED ON MAY 18. THE OTHER HALF, FOR
MAURITANIA, IS STILL IN PROCESS OF BEING BAGGED.

7 THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR CONCERN ABOUT TITLE II
SORGHUM NOW IN PORT. A PORTION OF THE 11,135 MT FOR
MALI WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO BAMAKO/KAYES
BEFORE RAINY SEASON COMMENCES. THE BALANCE REMAINING
WILL BE COMPLETELY PROTECTED BY DUNNAGE AND TARPAULINS
AGAINST RAINS, AND NO SPOILAGE WHATSOEVER IS EXPECTED.
IT IS LIKEWISE ANTICIPATED THAT ALL 5,000 MT FOR MAURITANIA
WILL HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO ROSSO BEFORE RAINS BEGIN.
SOME OF THAT WILL ALSO HAVE FOUND ITS WAY UP-COUNTRY
BY THEN. BALANCE IN ROSSO WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN
CLOSED STORAGE AND TERRE-PLEINS, MORE THAN ADEQUATELY
PROTECTED AGAINST SPOILAGE.

8. ALL GRAIN STILL IN DAKAR AND NOT IN CLOSED STORAGE
WILL BE GIVEN MAXIMUM PROTECTION BY TARPS. AT PRESENT, MOST
OF GRAIN IN OPEN STORAGE IS COMPLETELY COVERED BY TARPS.

9. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO EVACUATE TITLE II
COMMODITIES DUE SENEGAL AS SOON AFTER BAGGING AS
FEASIBLE.

10. CONCERN EXPRESSED IN EARLIER MESSAGES CENTERED
LARGELY ON OTHER-DONOR GRAINS, SUCH AS CORN/RICE, AND
COMMERCIALY PURCHASED CORN DESTINE FOR MALI. THESE
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COMMODITIES, THOUGH COVERED BY TARPS, ARE FAR LESS STABLE
THAN SORGHUM, SO SOME DAMAGE CAN BE EXPECTED.

1. WHEN RAIL DISPATCHES HAVE REDUCED OVERLOAD AT
MALI FREE ZONE TO MORE MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS, IE TO
POINT WHERE THERE IS NO TIME LAG BETWEEN BAGGING
AND DISPATCH, FFPO WILL ASK FOR RESUMPTION OF GRAIN
SHIPMENTS THROUGH DAKAR OF COMMODITIES DESTINED MALI.

12. AT PRESENT, DISPATCH CAPABILITY FOR COMMODITIES
ARRIVING DAKAR AND BOUND FOR ROSSO, MAURITANIA IS
ABOUT 5,000 MT/MO. ONCE UNIFLOAT OR COMPLEMENTARY
FERRY IS IN PLACE, THIS RATE COULD EASILY DOUBLE.
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